

at least 50 weight percent of said second polymer is comprised of said polymer of conjugated diene units.

21. (Amended) A [reaction product] composition comprising the reaction product of [a blend of] a maleated polypropylene and amine terminated polybutadiene.

Please cancel claim 22 without prejudice or disclaimer.

REMARKS

The final office action of June 16, 2000 and the Examiner's comments attached to an Advisory Action of August 30, 2000 have been fully considered by Applicants. In conjunction with a Notice of Appeal, Applicants submit the present amendment to overcome most formal rejections of the Final Office Action.

Claim 1 has been amended as suggested by the Examiner. The term "conjugated diene units" was suggested by the Examiner as acceptable in the Final Office Action. Claim 2 has been amended to include acceptable language for identifying the carboxylic acid as in claim 10. Claims 7 and 9 have also been amended as suggested by the Examiner in the Final Office Action. Particularly, Claims 7 and 9 were deemed by the Examiner to be "...indefinite because it is not known what a polymer comprising polybutadiene signifies." According to the Examiner's suggestion, those claims have been amended to read "butadiene units" rather than "polybutadiene units." In addition, claim 10 was deemed "...indefinite because 'said C₄-C₈ conjugated diene units' lacks antecedent basis in Claim 1." Applicants recognize this error and have amended claim 10 to read "...said second polymer is comprised of said polymer of conjugated diene units." Finally, Claim 21 has been amended to read "A composition comprising the reaction product of ..." in accordance with Examiner's proposed language.

Applicants submit these amendments do not raise new issues as they are simply amendments to overcome §112 rejections and use language proposed by the Examiner. In many of these amendments, the Examiner indicated in the Advisory Action that the

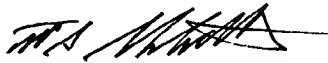
claims as amended would have overcome the §112 rejections if the amendment had been entered. Accordingly, the amendments clearly reduce issues on appeal and should be entered.

Applicants respectfully submit that the amended claims overcome many of the Examiner's §112 rejections, and request withdrawal of the same. Moreover, the only remaining formal rejection should be of claim 1 for the language "comprised substantially".

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Respectfully Submitted,

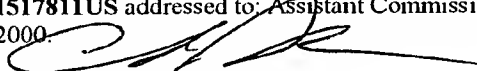
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